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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: CONSULTATIONS WITH USSR

SUMMARY: DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO SOVIET MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS PROPOSAL (SEPTTEL) AMBS MALIK, ISSRAELYAN AND ROSHCHIN (USSR) AND AMBS MOYNIHAN, MARTIN AND SHERER (US), ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF SOVIET AND US DELEGATIONS, DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF OTHER MATTERS CURRENTLY BEFORE UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE. MOST ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON UN'S ROLE IN DISARMAMENT ABOUT WHICH SOVIETS STATED SERIOUS CONCERN. BOTH SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO MEXICAN INITIATIVE ON UNGA "DEFINITION" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE ZONES. END SUMMARY.

1. AMB ROSHCHIN BROUGHT UP THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON THE UN ROLE IN DISARMAMENT WHICH, HE SAID, APPEARS RATHER NEUTRAL BUT CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. HE MAINTAINED THAT IF THE INITIATIVE WERE CARRIED FORWARD IT WOULD LEAD TO REPLACEMENT OF THE CCD WITH A DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE FORMED ON THE BASIS OF GEOGRPHIC
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REGIONS, THUS DESTROYING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PRESENT

MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. ROSHCHIN DESCRIBED THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROPOSAL AS VERY NEGATIVE AND EXPRESSED THE USSR'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROLIFERATION OF DISARMAMENT FORUMS(SIC). HE REMARKED UPON THE APPARENT US PASSIVITY TOWARD THE INITIATIVE, NOTING THE ABSENCE OF EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS; HE STATED THE HOPE THAT ALL CCD MEMBERS WOULD MAKE THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDES CLEAR. MALIK INTERJECTED THAT THE BEST WAY TO KILL THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO REACH AND UNDERSTANDING ON CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC).

2. MARTIN EXPLAINED THAT WE DO NOT LIKE THE SWEDISH IDEA AND WISH IT HAD NOT BEEN PRESSED. HOWEVER, THE SWEDES WERE TABLING THEIR RESOLUTION AND WE MUST ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT IT WILL BE ADOPTED. THE US, HE EXPLAINED, IS KEEPING A LOW PROFILE AND WORKING TO ACHIEVE AS ACCEPTABLE A RESOLUTION AS POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE FOR IT. ISSRAELYAN SAID THE US IS GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT IT CAN GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSAL, AND THIS INFLUENCES OTHER DELEGATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT STOPPING THE PROPOSAL BUT WISHED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT THINK IT IS USEFUL.

3. ISRAELYAN REITERATED THAT IT APPEARS THE US IS LOSING INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT. HE EXPRESSED WONDER AT THE TOLERANCE OF THE US FOR "SILLY" PROPOSALS LIKE GARCIA ROBLES'S (MEXICO) INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY THAT ON NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONES. ON A PERSONAL BASIS MARTIN EXPRESSED CERTAINTY THAT THE US WOULD VOTE AGAINST THAT PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE WOULD TELL THORSSON (SWEDEN) AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY THAT THE US CANNOT ACCEPT THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL AS IT IS. HE ADDED THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THE US WILL MAKE ITS ATTITUDE CLEAR TO OTHERS. MARTIN COMMENTED ON HINTS OF FRENCH INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL, PERHAPS INDICATING THAT THEY MAY VIEW IT AS A WAY OF BACKING INTO DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS.

4. ISSRAELYAN AGREED WITH MARTIN THAT THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL ON UNGA DEFINITION OF NWFZS IS "PREPOSTEROUS." MARTIN STATED THAT THE US WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE PROPOSAL; WE HAD PROPOSED SOME CHANGES BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THE CO-SPONSORS WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT

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THEM. ON THE BALKAN (DENUCLEARIZED) PEACE ZONE, ISSARELYAN SAID THE TURKS WERE OPPOSED, THE YUGOSLAVS HAD RESERVATIONS AND THE ROMANIANS MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL. (THIS CONFORMS TO INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES REPORTED SEPTTEL.)

5. REGARDING THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL ON SECURITY ASSURANCES TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, THE SOVIETS NOTED THAT A REVISED DRAFT WAS BEING CIRCULATED INFORMALLY WHICH CONTAINED A NEW FORMULATION

CALLING FOR ASSURANCES TO NNWS ON WHOSE TERRITORY THERE ARE NO
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (SEPTTEL). EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THE US
REACTION, THEY STATED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR
THE TWO SIDES TO TAKE A COMMON POSITION ON THIS INITIATIVE.
MARTIN SAID THAT WE WOULD CONVEY OUR REACTION AT AN EARLY
JUNCTURE.

6. THE MEETING CLOSED ON A CORDIAL NOTE WITH MALIK SUGGESTING
THAT THE NEXT BILATERAL MEETING AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TAKE
PLACE AT THE SOVIET MISSION.
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